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RECORD OF DECISION AVAILABLE

The Bureau of Land Management has released the Record of Decision (ROD) for The Coteau Properties Company (Coteau) to the public, with copies sent to interested parties.

The ROD addresses BLM's decision to lease 5,571 acres of federal coal resources located in Coteau's West Mine Area of the Freedom Mine (WMA), located in Mercer County, North Dakota. Coal production from the WMA would be used to meet Coteau's contract obligations with Dakota Coal Company. The mine supplies coal to the Dakota Gasification Company's Synfuels Plant, Basin Electric Power Cooperative's Antelope Valley Station and Leland Olds Station, and Great River Energy's Stanton Station. Electricity generated at these power plants is provided to the Basin Electric Cooperative and Great River Energy's member cooperatives. The combined federal and private coal with in the WMA extends the life of the mine by 30 years.

Copies of the document are available from the BLM North Dakota Field Office, 2933 3rd Avenue West, Dickinson, North Dakota, or at <http://www.mt.blm.gov/ndfo/coteau/coteaurod.pdf>.

Individuals may also request copies of the document by contacting Lonny Bagley or Allen Ollila at 701.227-7700 at the BLM North Dakota Field Office.